

REAL ESTATE NEWS AND CENTRAL PARK WEST'S BUILDING BOOM.

Over a Score of Apartment Houses Being Erected on Central Park West, Their Cost Ranging From \$100,000 to \$600,000.

Central Park West is destined to become known as the "Apartment House Avenue of New York."

At the rate of the present development Central Park West will be entirely built up within the next five years. And nine-tenths of its development will be in the line of apartment houses.

Central Park West is the name given to

reached that signs of actual building will be seen, but so many improvements are being projected along the Park front below this point—improvements not of an apartment house character—that they should be mentioned first.

While nothing is definitely settled, it is known that the old riding academy building, occupying the triangle at the junction of Central Park West and Broadway, will soon come down. The Durand Company, which is building an academy extending from

months ago by the American Deposit Company, but at present there are no further signs of the proposed development.

A New White Marble Church.

This brings the observer up to the south corner of Sixty-eighth street, where the Second Church of Christ (Scientist) is now putting up a white marble edifice covering a plot 100x120 and costing about \$200,000. The building, which is of French Renaissance architecture, is now nearly up to the roof. It will have a copper dome in the center, with a stained glass skylight. It will seat a congregation of fourteen hundred persons and will be entirely paid for when dedicated next summer. Mrs. Laura Lathrop is first reader of the church.

A. B. Kiger has up to the second floor an eight-story apartment house, midway between Sixty-ninth and Seventieth street, just south of the synagogue of Shearith Israel. It is built of Indiana limestone and upriver brick and will cost \$100,000.

Two ten-story apartment houses, costing \$600,000 each will cover the block front between Seventieth and Seventy-first streets. Stein, Cohen & Roth are preparing plans for one of these houses, which they will erect on the plot, 100x125, at the north corner of Seventieth street. H. B. Kiger is just beginning the iron work for the other house, which will cover the plot, 100x125, at the south corner of Seventy-first street, opposite the Hotel Majestic. This house will be built of granite, Indiana limestone and brick, and will be completed in about a year. The apartments will rent for \$2,800.

New York Historical Society to Build.

Passing the Dakota, the pioneer of New York apartment houses, and the Hotel San Remo, the observer comes to the vacant block front extending from Seventy-sixth to Seventy-seventh street, between the Church of the Divine Trinity and the American Museum of Natural History. This block front is owned by the New York Historical Society, which for many years has been promising to erect a magnificent building. There seems a prospect that the work will soon be undertaken.

The next improvement met with are the

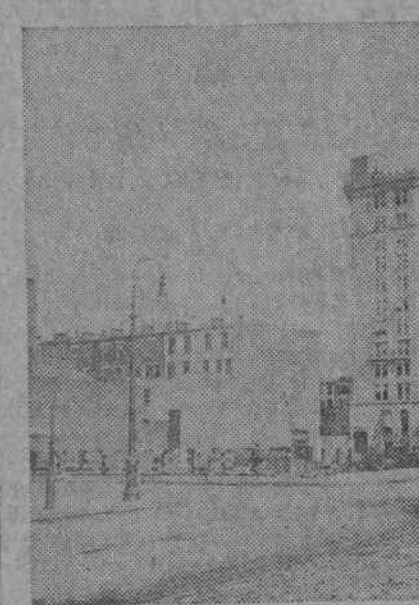
breaking ground for a ten-story apartment house to cost \$600,000. It will be built of Indiana limestone and French gray brick. There will be a sixty-foot tower at the corner. The apartments will rent at from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

James Livingston has the roof on a seven-story apartment house being erected by him at the south corner of Ninety-third street, 75x100. Indiana limestone and Roman brick are used in the construction. The house will cost \$180,000, and apartments will rent from \$1,800 to \$2,000.

Adjoining the Livingston house, south, Samuel Quincy has almost completed a seven-story apartment house, 50x-0, while the balance of the block front, the north corner of Ninety-second street, 75x125, Hamerslag & Oppenheimer, the owners,

Second Church of Christ's New Marble Edifice—The Ethical Culture School Block—Historical Society's Building.

The southerly house is of Indiana limestone and red brick, and is 54x100. The northerly house is of Indiana limestone and white brick, and is 52x100. The two may be ready for occupancy by October 1, the rents being from \$1,200 to \$2,000.



Site of Two \$600,000 Apartment Houses.

have under negotiations for sale to a builder purposing to erect an apartment house.

"The Alcylde" is the name of a seven-story apartment house at the south corner of Ninety-fourth street, 75x100, which J. A. Pinchback, the owner, is putting on the

"San Salvador" is the name given by William Dempsey to the seven-story apartment house which he has just completed at the south corner of Ninety-eighth street, 50x100. Apartments are renting from October 1 at \$900 to \$1,100.

In the middle of the block, between Ninety-eighth and Ninety-ninth streets, J. K. McAfee has finished sufficiently for fall renting two seven-story apartment houses covering a plot 70x100. The apartments will bring from \$800 to \$1,000.

Peter Doelger, Jr., the brewer, has up to the second story a five-story apartment house, 54x100, which he is erecting at the north corner of One Hundredth street. J. C. Murray is building an all stone front seven-story apartment house, 50x50, adjoining the Doelger house north, which he has up through the first story.

Midway in the block between One Hundred and Sixty and One Hundred and Seventy streets, Patrick McMorris is building, and will complete by January 1, a seven-story Indiana limestone and red brick apartment house, 50x100, which he calls "St. Ignatius."

The last improvement now in progress as the observer goes on Central Park West is the completion of seven-story apartment houses being erected by the Graham Company at the north corner of One Hundred and Eighty street. The corner house is called "The Myrtle," and is 40x35. The adjoining house, with a court intervening, is called "The Ivy," and is 41x30. The two cost \$250,000 to build. They are of buff brick and Indiana limestone through the first and second stories. The apartments are now renting for October occupancy at from \$1,000 to \$1,400.

Adjoining the "Myrtle and Ivy" on the street, Thomas J. McLaughlin is erecting two six-story white brick apartment houses.

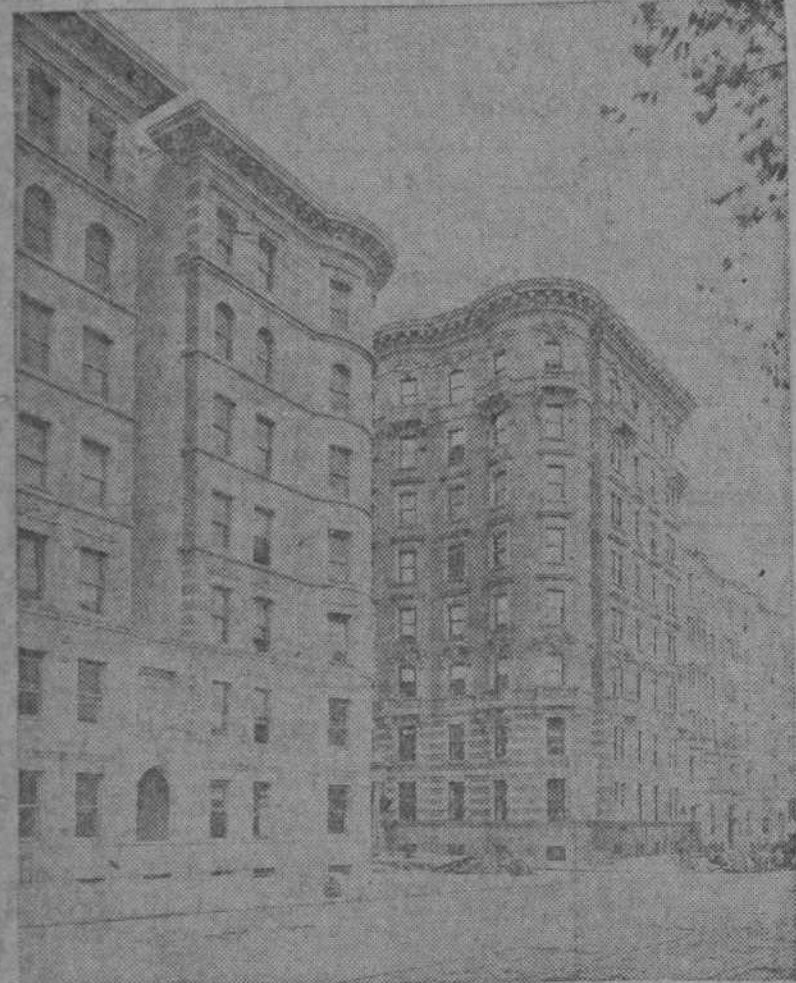
"Business is excellent all over the country. Money is being made in almost every line of trade. Manufacturers, merchants, agents, transportation companies, newspapers, farmers, miscellaneous people, stock speculators, all are making money. Consequently this should be the time for the investor and speculator in real estate. The time also for the real estate broker and auctioneer."

Just now the auction business is practically suspended, owing to the excitement attending the Dewey celebration and the yacht races, but after the first week in October these influences will cease to make

Broadway room, October 18, in partition of the Grinnell estate, several parcels in and adjoining Audubon Park, Twelfth Ward. Jere Johnson, Jr., Company sell, on the premises, Saturday, October 21, to close the estate of M. Lehman, 200 lots on Avenues C and D, Gravesend and Sixteenth avenues, Thirty-eighth to Forty-second, East Second and West streets, Flatbush, Brooklyn, Brooklyn.

REAL ESTATE NOTES.

The Columbia Investment and Real Estate Company gave an outing on Wednesday



"The Alcylde" and "The Towers."

Eighty avenue between Fifty-ninth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, the western boundary of Central Park. It is just a trifle over two and one-half miles long.

In this stretch there are to-day three churches, two hotels, the Museum of Natural History, a hospital and a few private dwellings, with almost the entire balance given up to apartment houses, either completed, building or projected.

Today there are over a score of apartment houses going up. Some of them are practically finished and are being rented for October occupancy. Others are up to the roof and will be completed by December 1 or January. Some that are just started will not be ready for tenants before May, or even as late as the October following.

These score of apartment houses will cost all the way from \$100,000 to \$600,000 each. The apartments will rent at from \$900 to \$2,500.

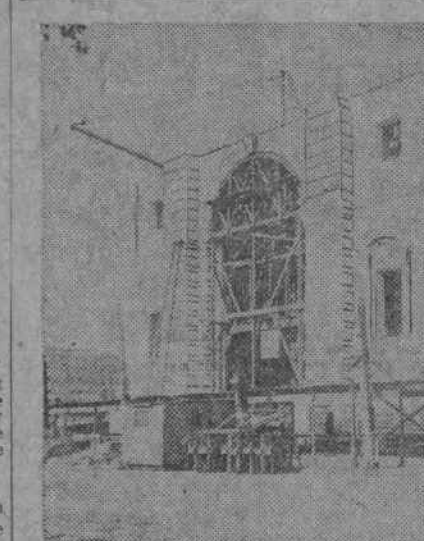
Talk a walk the full length of Central Park West and see what you will see. It will not be until Sixty-fifth street is

Sixty-sixth to Sixty-seventh street, just west of Central Park West, vacates the old triangle next May, and as the property is in the market at a \$2,000,000 figure, the owner must expect to dispose of it to some enterprising business concern.

Ethical Culture's Block Front.

Extending from Sixty-fourth to Sixty-fifth street is the block front purchased by the Society for Ethical Culture (Felix Adler's Society) for the erection of a fine school building. A. R. Wolf, architect, has prepared plans for a building to be used jointly by the Society of Ethical Culture and the Free Schools. It is expected that work on this building will be commenced this fall. It will be five stories, with a lecture hall in the center fifty feet high, the space above forming a court for the upper stories.

Recently plans were filed by James H. Canach for a seven-story apartment house, costing \$300,000, to be erected on the six lots at the north corner of Sixty-sixth street, part of the plot purchased some



Second Church of Christ (Scientist).

enlargements of the American Museum of Natural History. The new building, the museum building, will extend over the entire four blocks bounded by Central Park West, Columbus avenue, Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets.

Museum of Natural History to Cost \$5,000,000.

It will probably be the largest building in the world in point of area, and will cost nearly \$5,000,000. The finishing touches are now being put on the east and west wings of the Seventy-seventh street division of this monster brownstone pile.

Matthews & Eppenstein have up to the fifth story a seven-story apartment house which they are erecting at the north corner of Eighty-ninth street. This house is of Elizabethan architecture. The materials used are Indiana limestone, brick and terra cotta. It covers a plot 50x100 and will cost about \$125,000. Apartments will rent for \$2,000.

In the same block, at the south corner of Ninetieth street, Nathan P. Clark is excavating for a seven-story apartment house, 50x100, which will be of Indiana limestone and red brick and will cost \$125,000.

Thomas J. McGuire is building, in the same block, adjoining the Clark property, a seven-story apartment house, 50x100, to cost \$100,000. The exterior work is completed.

Two new buildings will cover the block front between Ninety-first and Ninety-second streets. At the Ninety-first street corner, 100x120, is the abortive ten-story apartment house which Clinton Burling started to erect nearly two years ago. When the house was up one story Mr. Burling failed, and the site was sold to the Company bought the property under foreclosure. The company's watchman uses the one floor as a bicycle parking place, but there seems a prospect that the present embryo structure will soon be torn down and a fifteen-story hotel erected.

A \$600,000 Apartment House.

On the Ninety-second street corner of this block, 100x125, Patrick Norton is

market for October tenancy. It is of open court construction. The building cost about \$150,000, and apartments will rent at from \$1,500 to \$1,800.

"The Towers" Will Cost \$250,000.

On the opposite corner of Ninety-fourth street is "The Towers," 70x100, an eight-



Being Erected by Peter Doelger, Jr.

story Indiana limestone gray brick and terra cotta apartment house of colonial architecture, just completed by the Globe Trust Company at a cost of \$250,000. Apartments are renting from October 1 at from \$2,200 to \$2,500.

William Hall is putting up two six-story apartment houses adjoining "The Towers,"

CHEERFUL VIEW OF THE AUCTION MARKET.

"There is no occasion for any but a cheerful view of the real estate market."



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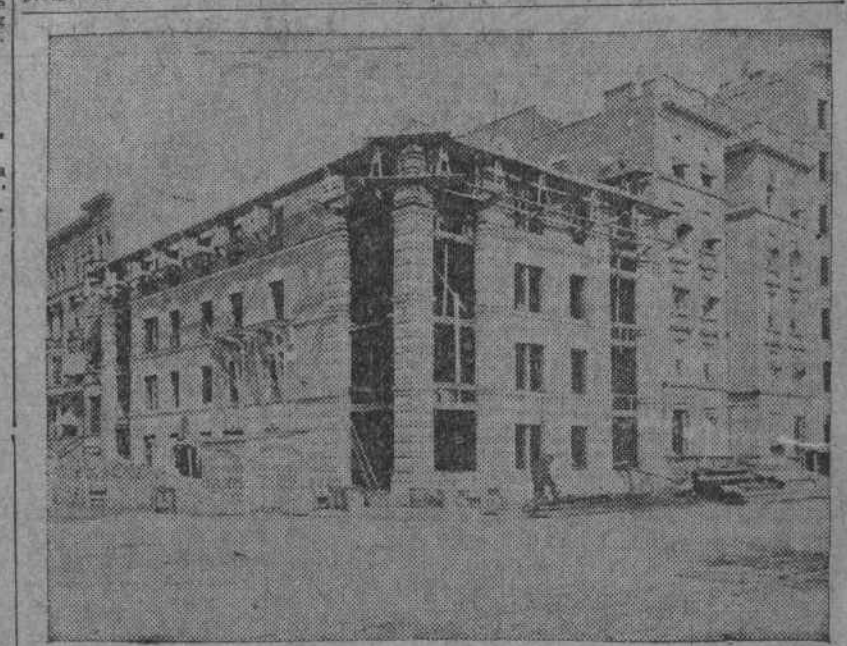
said Richard V. Harnett yesterday on his return from Saratoga. "I have been away so long and have not yet had time to look the field over carefully, but I am confident from the general condition of the times that those who view the real estate market from a bear standpoint are simply trying to manufacture a condition."

themselves felt and the pent-up business of September will be heard from."

Some Auctions Now Billed.

Tomorrow takes place, on the premises, the sale by Philip A. Smyth for the trustees of the Uhlrich Curtis estate, of seventy-two parcels of improved and unimproved realty at Yonkers, including the two country seats "The Oaks" and "Springdale," a number of residences on Warburton and Woodworth avenues, and sixty-four villa plots and lots.

day last to Grantwood, on the Palisades, At the West Shore terminal, Westhewen, a special trolley car, decorated with flags and bunting, was in waiting for the members of the company and their guests, among whom were Dr. M. S. Arros, Mayor of Fairview, N. J.; August E. Neumann, Mayor of Cliffside Park Borough, N. J. Arriving at Grantwood, which is directly opposite Grant's Tomb, the party made an inspection of the property and then pro-



Elizabethan Style of Architecture.

John S. Mapes will sell at No. 111 Broadway, Tuesday, fifty-three lots on Sedgwick and Underhill avenues, between One Hundred and Seventy-sixth and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh streets.

William M. Ryan will sell at No. 111 Broadway, October 11, for the executors of the estate of John B. Cotte, the business property No. 141 Bowery.

William P. Raa Company are to sell at the Brooklyn Real Estate Exchange, October 17, to close the estate of William Rapalle, a tract of 1,218 lots, located upon New Lots road and Pennsylvania avenue, Brooklyn Borough.

Richard V. Harnett & Co. sell, at the

ceeded by car to Kremer's Park Hotel, at Fort Lee, where dinner was served.

William J. Hamilton has completed the purchase of the Stephen Barker estate, comprising several hundred lots on the main streets of Corona and the well known "Barker's Grove." Mr. Hamilton is now reselling lots on Grand, National and Syracuse avenues, all of which are macadamized and set out with shade trees.

The Yale Land Company gives the following reasons why investors should buy lots at Sale Park: "Lots are the most prices the lowest; terms the easiest; improvements the best; no interest; no taxes; best car service; good neighbors."

PAPAL WINES NOT FOR SALE.

The Italian Syndicate Will Try Again to Induce the Pope to Let It Control the Vatican Vineyards' Output.

Rome, Sept. 23.—All eyes are turned upon Rome these days, or rather upon the Papal vineyard, for its grapes will soon be plucked. With this comes the query whether the Italian syndicate will succeed this year where it failed last in funding the Holy Father's harvest.

Though not generally known, the Papal

vineyard produces one of the best wines in Europe. It is renowned among the fortunate for its delicacy and superior body, its color and general richness. The few fortunate enough to have tasted it have revelled in memory thereof, and no gift from the Vatican seems in some quarters more acceptable than a case of the famous vintage.

So far the wines from this favored spot have been reserved for the Pontiff's private uses. A small portion of each vintage is reserved for himself, and the remainder is sent to those whom he specially desires to mark with his esteem. Occasionally it is sent to the United States, but not often. Archbishop Corrigan has once been favored, and the venerable Bishop McGuire, of Rochester, was also a beneficiary some years ago. It is whispered this year that President McKinley may be honored with a case, in which event the White House cellars will hold a superior beverage.

The proposal to syndicate the Pope's wine was not received by him with fervor. Instead, he is reported to have accepted it with indignation.

The promoters offered to guarantee the Pope in the undertaking. They offered to pay a certain price, or to pledge a return equal to the Pope's price. This last was a tempting bait, for this fund has decreased in the last few years through unforeseen agencies. In the year of the Jubilee it equalled more than \$6,000,000, but of late has dropped to a much smaller figure.

Although the Pope curtails every expense in order to support all the social and minor charities of the church, he refused to offer. The high dignitaries that laid the matter had thought that when the project was put to him in the form of aid to the Mother Church, he would at once assent. But it is the policy of Leo XIII. to relieve the Church of any taint of commercialism, one reason, perhaps, why the Pennsylvania monastery, a few years ago, as restrained from the farther breeding of beer for public sale.

"What he is said to have exclaimed, 'The Holy Father has become a wine merchant! Would I have yesterday refer to me as a wine dealer? Never! Do not let me hear of this again.'"

The ludicrous side of the situation, how-

ever, soon appealed to His Holiness. A few days later he was walking through the vineyard when he came upon the head gardener. Laying a hand upon the head of the kneeling man, he murmured: "Ah, Giovanni, do you know that these vines of



Entrance to the Pope's Vineyard.

years prior in millions, and that everyone is glancing in because we keep them to ourselves?" Then he passed on, leaving the mystified man still kneeling open-mouthed in his wake.

Goes to Jail for a Debt.

Jacob Feldman, who kept a grocery store at One Hundred and Fourteenth street and First avenue, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Walzberg, on an order signed by Justice John Henry McCarthy, of the City Court, and locked up in Ludlow street jail in default of \$900 bail. He was arrested in a suit brought by Moses Goldstein as assignee of a claim held by the Manhattan Mills against Feldman for \$270,000 for goods sold to him by that company.

PORTUGAL IS ALMOST FREE FROM PLAGUE.

Dr. Jorge's Extensive Precautions, Exercised Under Violent Opposition, Succeeds at Last in Overcoming the Deadly Bubonic Bacillus.

(Special Correspondence of the New York Journal and Advertiser.)

Oporto, Sept. 14.—Although the plague in Portugal has virtually subsided, the danger point has not been turned, and it has been deemed wise to keep up all precautions until the disease is stamped out. This no doubt will be received in Europe with gratification, but at the same time the United States should not forget that it is within striking distance of the deadly bacillus.

At one time it seemed as if a general spread of the plague was inevitable. In the middle of August, when it had lasted a week, the number of cases was forty-six, with thirteen deaths. To-day it has dropped down to an occasional case, with an infinitesimal death.

With skill and ignorance dominant in Portugal, the plague had a clean sweep for a few weeks. And but for the absurdly inefficient port regulations there would not have been any epidemic at all. It is now known that the bacillus was brought by a Bombay steamer, axovored from an Indian plague port, but through the gross incompetence of the authorized officials no effort was made to properly quarantine her crew.

Even ordinary precautions might have done something when the plague began,

but it is Portugal's way to take fate dumbly, and nothing was done for days. Until became almost impossible to bury the dead through their numbers no official action was taken. Then this took the form of half-hearted assistance to the stricken, upon the ignorance that he was reducing the plague, and in course of a few weeks his disinfecting apparatus, drawn by oxen, was permitted to pass through the streets without peril of destruction.

The effect of Dr. Jorge's fight against the plague was immediately visible. A few days sufficed to show the virtue of his treatment. With cleanliness, decent sanitary arrangements and wholesome food there was little danger of contagion. Persons afflicted when treated with the antitoxin recovered vitality at once. There was no doubt that the disease was a genuine bubonic plague, for the physicians sent to Oporto by several European nations had witnessed the Indian plague and were convinced by the symptoms at Oporto.

After this the necessary measures were taken. Spain closed her frontier, and a cord was drawn around Portugal. When ever a ship left the harbor she was released by the Consuls only after it had been clearly proved that there was no chance of infection aboard. This restriction was so great that commerce at Oporto was at one time practically suspended. In fact, it is still in an anomalous condition, and it will take a long time for the port to live down the bad name that this visitation has brought upon it.

After these precautions to prevent a spread of the plague Dr. Jorge proceeded to purify the infected districts. In this he was aided by the ignorance of the Portuguese. They left no method unemployed, personally and officially, to obstruct. The poorer classes were worked upon that they came to believe Dr. Jorge the chosen agent of Allah, and on one occasion he was set upon while

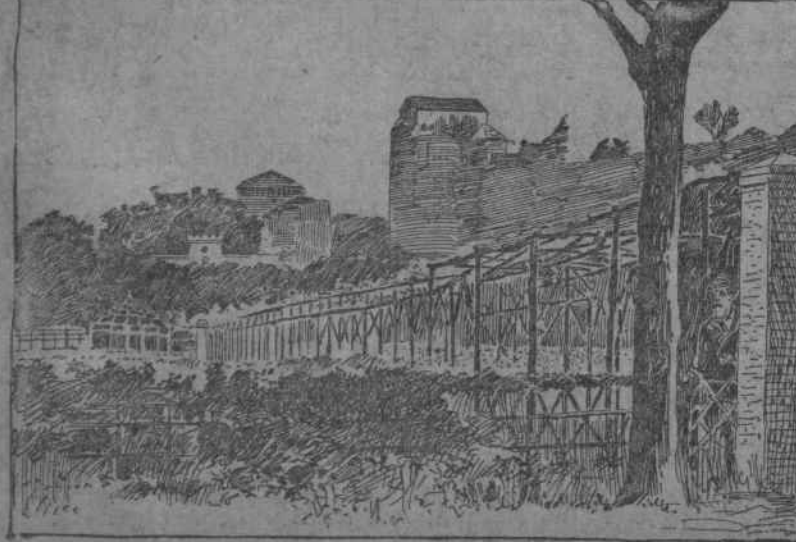
leaving his laboratory and severely injured. In this affair the rioters were led by Portuguese physicians, who saw in him a possibly dangerous rival.

Eventually the result of his endeavors were his best vindication. It was found upon the ignorant that he was reducing the plague, and in course of a few weeks his disinfecting apparatus, drawn by oxen, was permitted to pass through the streets without peril of destruction.

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Accused of Forging Two Checks.

Frederick Johnson, twenty years of age, of No. 1415 Third avenue, was arrested at the Yorkville Bank, at Third avenue and Eighty-fifth street, yesterday on the charge of forgery. Johnson is a helper for a plumber named Milton J. Dorenberg, of No. 107 East Ninety-fifth street. Getting the check book of Dorenberg, he made out two checks for \$6 and \$10. He signed the name of Dorenberg to one and his own name to the other. The teller held him and sent for a policeman.



The Pope's vineyard.